

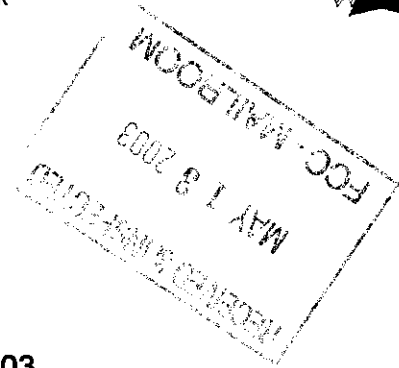
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adlestein, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Adlestein,

In our United States, we have always honored laws that protect us from monopolies. I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies!

Totalitarian governments have, without exception, used the media to propagandize and control their citizens. Freedom of the media has made it possible for United States citizens to be exposed to all views on any subject. Allowing monopolization of the media presents the distinct possibility that we could be denied that privilege.

Obviously there are many powerful groups that would love to see a media that they could manipulate to present only their views and prevent views unfavorable to them from reaching the public.

Relaxing the broadcast ownership rules would seriously infringe on the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press.

For the United States to remain the free country that it is, the media must be able to present the views of all citizens, not just the biased views of the rich and powerful!

Very Respectfully,

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